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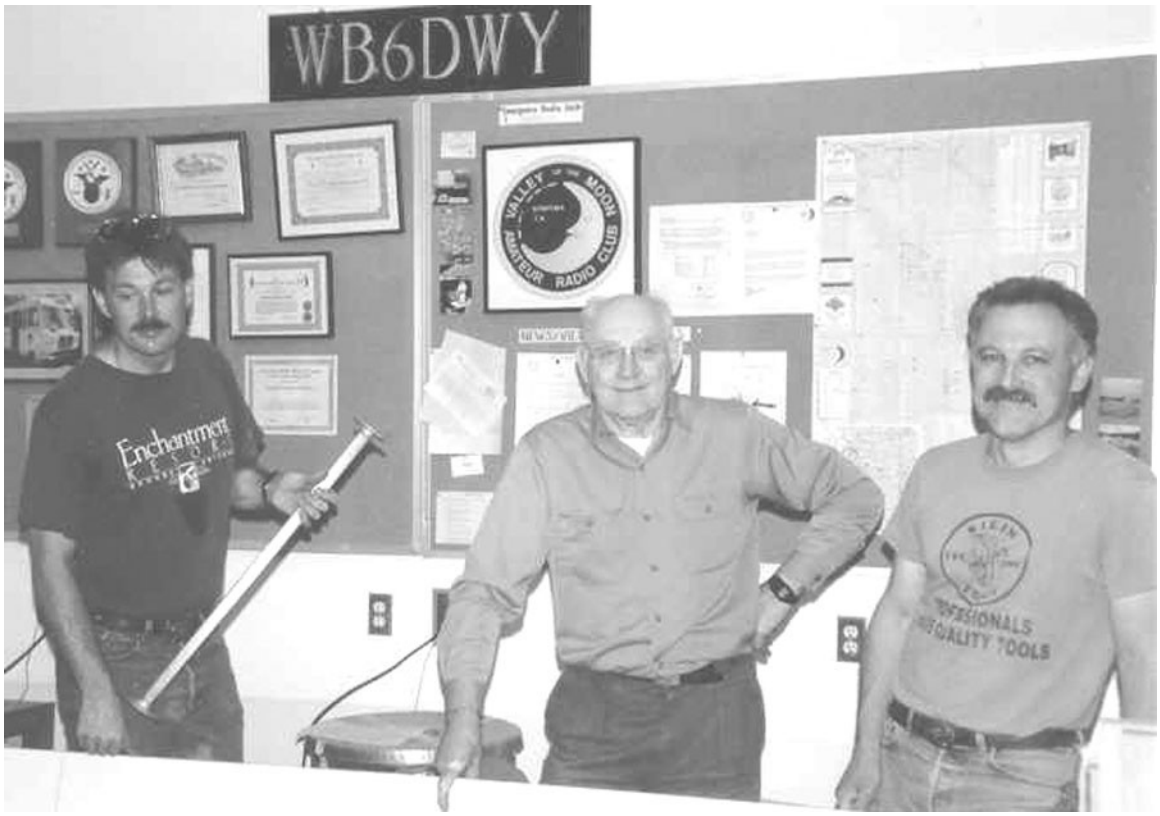

HISTORICAL PICTURE OF SOME OLD GUYS WHEN SOME OF THEM ACTUALLY HAD SOME HAIR

Randy, AA6GV, Kermit, W6JFN, and Darrel, WD6BOR, remodeling the EOC emergency communications center operating position at the Sonoma Police Station

PRESIDENT'S QTC FOR VOMARC

This is the beginning of a NEW year. We had 14 members and 2 guests at Breakfast January 7. Our FIRST meeting of the year is at the Sonoma Fire Station at 630 Second Street West in Sonoma. We will have a presentation by Jim Hill, K6UUW. Next month, February 4, is the first Elmer Saturday. Please bring suggestions to the meeting, Wednesday January 18, so we can plan a successful event.

Ken Rossi, N6MSL, was seriously injured when a car hit him in a crosswalk. Ken is disabled, blind and uses a motorized wheelchair for mobility. He is expected to recover but this may be a long process. We send our best wishes to him and hope to hear him on the air waves soon.

The miner who was found in grave condition, but alive, in West Virginia is an amateur radio operator. The club sends our get-well wishes to him and his family.

For those interested, there is a VHF contest on January 21 and 22. Go to the ARRL website for more information.

This is the time to update your membership dues, which are $15 for individual membership and an additional $5 per family member. If you have not joined ARRL, a membership form is in this newsletter.

QSY 145.35, de Dan KG6LJN.

2006 CALENDER

The following listing gives the dates of VOMARC meetings, activities and other events of interest to our members.

January 7, club breakfast at Izza's.
January 18, meeting, Sonoma Fire Department.
January 21-23, ARRL VHF Sweepstakes

February 4th, 2006, club breakfast at Izza's, with our first Elmer Saturday immediately following.
February 15, meeting, Sonoma Development Center.
February 18-19, ARRL DX CW contest

March, 4, Club breakfast at Izza's
March 4-6, ARRL DX phone contest
March 15, meeting, Sonoma Fire Department.
March, Saturday license class. Date to be set later.

April 1, club breakfast at Izza's.
April 19, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center
April 29, Ham Fest, VE session, Sonoma Vet's Building.

May 6, club breakfast, Izza's, and Elmer Saturday
May 17, meeting Sonoma Fire Department.

June 2-4, Redwood Coast Convention, Ferndale

June 3, club breakfast, Izza's.
June 10-12, ARRL VHF QSO Party
June 21, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center
June 24th & 25th, Field Day.

July 1, club breakfast, Izza's
July 4, Fourth of July Parade, info at future meetings
July 19, 2006, meeting Sonoma Fire Department

August 5, club breakfast, Izza's. Elmer Sat.
August, 16, meeting Picnic, probably Sonoma Police Department
August 19, VE session, SDC

Sept 2, club breakfast, Izza's
September 9-11, ARRL VHF QSO party
Sept 11, contest, more info at future meetings
September 20, meeting, Sonoma Developmental Center
September 23? Vintage Festival Parade, more info later.

October 7, club breakfast, Izza's.
October 18, meeting, Sonoma Fire Department
October 13-15, Pacificon Hamvention, San Ramon
October license upgrade classes, more info and date later.
November 4, breakfast, Izza's. Elmer Sat
November 4-6, ARRL CW Sweepstakes
November 15, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center
November 18, VE session, SDC
November 18-20, ARRL Phone Sweepstakes

December 2, breakfast, Izza's.
December 13, VOMARC holiday dinner and installation of officers.

VOMARC CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 14, 2005 MINUTES

Everyone had a great time. The food was good. The guests were orderly. The police didn't need to be called to restore order. We'll try to do better next year.

Officers were installed (sounds like a spark plug change on the old Chevy, doesn't it?)
Our new President is Dan Sorrick, KG6LJN, Vice-President is Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL, Secretary is again Joan Brady, W6WXU, Treasurer is Ken McTaggart, N6KM, and the rest of the gang remains the same, with the addition of Jim Hill, K6UUW, as our new Elmer Coordinator. (We couldn't let him slip away that easily, could we?)

SALE PAGES

Kantronics All Mode Communicator, a TNC that will do Morse (CW), RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet on HF and Packet on VHF/UHF. With manual and in good working order. $50.00 N6KM, Ken, 707-938-2626

Get your for-sale stuff in the newsletter!

Net control for January is Mike, WB6TMH and for February is

Jim, K6UUW. We need someone for ACS on Mondays in March. Thanks!

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

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Jim Hill, K6UUW, Elmer Coordinator

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2nd Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as “SNV1EC”. “SNVGW” can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is “SNVND”.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa’s Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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NOTICE!!! THE JANUARY VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE SONOMA FIRE STATION, 630 STREET WEST, SONOMA CU THERE!

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2006 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**